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WINE COMPETITION (COMMERCIAL)

Chair - Molly Kelly, University Park, PA
Judges - TBA

RULES

See General Rules and Regulations online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY

Online Entries Close - November 9, 2023

Wine Arrival Deadline – November 13, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.

If wine is shipped it must be shipped to arrive on or before November 13, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.

General

1. This competition is open to any Pennsylvania Limited Winery with a Bonded Winery or Bonded Wine Cellar Permit. All wines entered must be legally able to be labeled as Pennsylvania Wines under TTB regulations.
2. Wines submitted to the competition must be made with 75% of Pennsylvania fruit, unless there is an AVA designation on the bottle (i.e., Central Delaware Valley, Cumberland Valley, Lake Erie, Lancaster Valley, or Lehigh Valley). AVA-designated fruit must be at least 75% Pennsylvania fruit and 85% sourced from the stated AVA. Juice or fruit that is not grown in Pennsylvania but bought by a Pennsylvania or a local broker does not qualify as Pennsylvania fruit. Any winery found to be in violation will be disqualified from the competition and will not be able to compete at the Farm Show for one year.
3. Wineries may submit up to ten (10) different varieties, vintages, or styles of wine for the competition in a given year. **THREE (3) 750-mL bottles (or the equivalent volume if that wine is sold in different sized container) are required for each entry.**
4. **All entries must be received by November 13, 2023**, in order to be properly submitted to the competition judges. Any wine received after the date will not be accepted for the competition.
5. A 42-case minimum (100 gallons) is required to enter the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commercial Wine Competition. This means that the winery must have at least 42 cases available for retail sales at the time of the award (January 6, 2024). This case minimum is to ensure that consumers have a chance to purchase the wines after the results are published.
6. All wines submitted to the Farm Show Competition must be certified to be currently available for sale or if not yet introduced they will be for sale within 60 days following the judging.
7. All vintage wines submitted must be five years younger than the time of the competition. For the 2023 competition, only 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 vintage wines may be submitted. This means 75% of the vintage stated will have to be from one of those five vintage years. Non-grape fruit wines may be of the latest vintage (2022). Wines that are labeled without a vintage date need to include the vintage date(s) on the entry form to avoid disqualification.
8. A product may only enter and compete in one department per year and must appropriately be labeled in correspondence with the entry. Violation of this rule will result in the product being disqualified from each department entered.
9. Any wine delivered to the Farm Show without a proper label and fully completed entry form will be disqualified from judging.
10. The Residual Sugar (RS) content, written in “g/L” designation for how the sugar concentration was determined (i.e., estimation by hydrometry, enzymatic, clintest, etc.), is required upon submission. Submissions are not required to obtain RS results by a certified laboratory.
11. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Wine Committee is permitted to use and collect data on the entry form.
12. Any wine that has been entered and received the Best of Show Award may not be resubmitted to the Farm Show Competition for any subsequent year. Repeated entries will be disqualified from the competition. In order for a labeled non-vintage wine to be resubmitted and evaluated for the Best of Show Award, a vintage date(s) must appear on the entry form.
13. In order to be eligible to participate in the sampling and sales of wine at the 2024 Farm Show, a winery must enter at least one (1) wine for judging.

Entry

14. Enter online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>.
15. Register using the Company Name
16. The fee for wine entries is \$50.00 per varietal, vintage, or style.
17. Payment must accompany the online entry or the entry will not be evaluated for competition.

Submission

18. Wines must be shipped or delivered so as to arrive **on or before 4:00 p.m., November 13, 2023**.
Ship to: Farm Show Wine Competition
Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center
2300 N. Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443
19. The box form for the wine entered must be completed and included with the wines being sent.
20. Three (3) bottles per wine submission are required.
21. All cases submitted must be marked “2024 Farm Show Wine Competition” on the outside of the case.

Judging

22. Judging will be completed prior to the opening of the Farm Show.
23. Following competition, wines will be displayed at the Farm Show.

Characteristics: Pick the characteristics below that best describe your wine - you may need more than one.

Classes:

- 01 Sparking Dry <1%
- 02 White Hybrid varietals dry <1%
- 03 White Vinifera varietals dry <1%
- 04 White blends dry <1%
- 05 Rose dry <1%
- 06 White varietals semi-dry 1-2.5%
- 07 White blends semi-dry 1-2.5%
- 08 Rose semi-dry 1-2.5%
- 09 Sparkling semi-dry 1-2.5%
- 10 Red hybrid varietals dry <1%
- 11 Red blends/Meritage dry <1%
- 12 Red vinifera varietals dry <1%
- 13 Red varietals/blends semi-dry to semi-sweet 1-4%
- 014 White varietals semi-sweet 2.5-5%
- 15 White blends semi-sweet 2.5-5%
- 16 Rose semi-sweet 2.5-5%
- 17 Sparkling semi-sweet 2.5-5%
- 18 White hybrid sweet >5%
- 19 White American sweet >4%
- 20 Rose American sweet >4%
- 21 Red American sweet >4%
- 22 Tree fruit
- 23 Berries
- 24 Chocolate flavored
- 25 Flavored and misc.
- 26 Port/fortified
- 27 Dessert and ice >8%
- 28 Sparkling sweet >5%
- 29 Flavored with pepper/heat

Sugar Levels: List residual sugar per variety.

Awards -- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals.

The Best in Show Fruit Wine, the Best in Show Sweet (Grape) Wine, the Best in Show Dry (Grape) Wine, and the Best in Show (Sparkling) Wine. Wine will receive Governor's Cups. The Best in Show (Sparkling) Wine will not be given an award in 2024 but will be given in 2025.